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FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL VERBATIM TRANSLATION OF 11:10 AM
ANNOUNCEMENT BY "GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL SALVATION."

1. GREEK CYPRIOT PEOPLE:

THE TRAGIC SITUATION WHICH HAS BEEN CREATED IN THE RECENT
MONTHS ON THE ISLAND AND WHICH WAS LEADING DIRECTLY TO CIVIL
WAR, THE UPHEAVAL WHICH HAS BEEN BROUGHT ABOUT IN THE RANKS
OF THE CHURCH, AND THE LOOMING DANGER FOR THE ARMED FORCES
TO FALL INTO THE HANDS OF ANARCHIC AND CRIMINAL ELEMENTS
WITH UNDEFINABLE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE FUTURE OF CYPRUS, HAVE
LED THE ARMED FORCES TO THE DECISION TO REMOVE THOSE

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RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ANOMALY, NAMELY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE

REPUBLIC AND HIS GOVERNMENT WHO, HAVING USURPED THE POWER OVER A LONG PERIOD WITHOUT THE FREE WILL OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT PEOPLE, HAVE BEEN EXERTING EVERY LEGITIMATE AND ILLEGITIMATE EFFORT TO PRESERVE THE ALREADY ESTABLISHED PERSONAL REGIME.

2. THE ARMED FORCES HAVE DECIDED TO ENTRUST TEMPORARILY THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ISLAND TO A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL SALVATION. BASIC AIMS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL BE: THE RESTORATION OF THE NATIONAL UNITY OF THE CYPRUS HELLENISM AND THE PACIFICATION IN THE RANKS OF THE CHURCH; THE CONTINUATION OF THE ALREADY STARTED PROCEDURE OF THE SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM THROUGH THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS; THE SOLUTION OF VITAL PROBLEMS OF THE PEOPLE WHICH HAVE OVER A LONG PERIOD BEEN NEGLECTED (THE ONLY EFFORT OF THE RULERS IS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR PERSONAL REGIME AS A RESULT OF WHICH THE DELAY IN ALL SECTORS TO BE VISIBLE); THE PROCLAMATION OF IRREPROACHABLE ELECTIONS AS SOON AS THE INDISPENSABLE CONDITIONS ARE CREATED IN THIS DIRECTION, AND WE FEEL A PERIOD OF NOT LONGER THAN A YEAR, SO THAT THE RIGHT IS GIVEN TO THE GREEK CYPRIOT PEOPLE TO EXPRESS THEIR WILL AND TO CHOOSE A GOVERNMENT OF ITS LIKING THROUGH IRREPROACHABLE ELECTIONS AND NOT BY ACCLAMATION; THE FOREIGN POLICY SHALL NOT CHANGE BY ANY MEANS. OUR FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH OTHER STATES AND NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN POLICY WHICH HAS BEEN FOLLOWED SO FAR WILL BE PRESERVED.

3. A BASIC PRESUPPOSITION FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED AIM IS THE PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ORDER AND CALM, A GOAL WHICH THE ARMED FORCES WILL FIRMLY DETERMINE TO ENSURE.

4. THE GREEK CYPRIOT PEOPLE ARE BEING CALLED UPON TO LIFT THEMSELVES ABOVE CONTROVERSY AND THE BAD MEMORIES OF THE PAST, DISPLAYING UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL SALVATION, RALLYING THEMSELVES AROUND THE GOVERNMENT, IN THE CERTAINTY THAT IN THIS WAY IT ASSURES A BRIGHT FUTURE. LONG LIVE THE GREEK CYPRIOT PEOPLE*

5. SPORADIC FIRING STILL CONTINUING AROUND NICOSIA.
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AUTOMATIC FIRE AT 11:30 AM LOCAL APPARENTLY COMING FROM TURKISH SECTION. UNCLEAR FROM EMBASSY EXACTLY WHO ENGAGED-- BUT IT SEEMS CERTAIN TURK CYPRIOTS SHOOTING AT SOMETHING.
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